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SUBJECT: PANAMA: AMBASSADOR EATON DELIVERS DEMARCHE ON
DEFEATING VENEZUELA IN THE 2006 ELECTION FOR NON-PERMANENT
SEAT ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

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Classified By: Ambassador William A. Eaton for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

(C) Ambassador Eaton presented Reftel demarche on Defeating Venezuela in the 2006 Election for Non-Permanent Seat on the UN Security Council to Foreign Minister Samuel Lewis on February 24. Lewis told Ambassador Eaton "I hear you loud and clear" on defeating Venezuela in the 2006 UNSC election. Lewis, however, did not commit to supporting the U.S. on this issue and wants to continue talking with us about it. Ambassador Eaton told Lewis he wants to continue the discussion to ensure Panama doesn't support Venezuela.

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